

EVERGREEN

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Characters

BRIAN - Local Resident

JOHN KIMBLE - Mayor

Scene 1

*Yellowstone
Summer*

*John Kimble is elected as a Mayor of the city.
He walks up a ramp, surrounded by thousands makes him
energized more about his triumph.*

JOHN KIMBLE. My dear beloved voters. We are gathering today to celebrate our victory with a difficult road, full of adversity, to we walked it together hand in hand and now celebrate the moment we all have been waiting for - That's right. The Progress.

Looking the crowd.

The progress that have been longed for and deserved for so many generations. Even my own generation. I grew up in that city as one of you. Surrounded by the poverty and problems that arise for to the fact we are isolated from the outside world. There are no roads and no infrastructure projects happening to attract investment like warehouses or supermarkets to be built. How the trucks will provide the goods without roads. Nobody asked these questions. No one of mines the previous Mayors dare to. Every one of them looked down at you. Urging you to be contemned with the crumbling and watering economy. That was before I came along. I had that braveness and the boldness to tell you these things because I care about you. I graduated from Harvard to help you all I swiftly returns. So I can use my knowledge and ideas for our future generations can be proud of what we've built. The pride we deserved after so many years can finally be achieved. Yes, my dear citizens. That's our GOAL!

Pause.

Now I want to explain to you my political platform, views and ideas.

For one mine key priorities for the city to bring a crucial deals and start project will bring us the next stage of reparations when we can see we are economic growth, investments, opportunities and prosperity in our region.

I am hugely impressed with the number of inevitable and aspiring projects that you citizens have provided and strongly believe they have the potential to transform this place and set it aside from others cities. I sincerely look forward to seeing the roll out of these projects as we move into the next phase of this partner led investment.

Drinking a glass of water.

One of the key moments of my campaign was The Native Americans. They've struggled far more than us during years of hard shifts. Leaving without a roof over there heads. I've always been mindful of their problems and I am happy to announce that I will enrich the life of out poor Native Americans citizens by providing free houses. To be more specific I will build new houses. That will be provided to them as a donation. Demanding relationship between our people will be an example to the rest of the world a human kindness and tolerance.

Receives applauses from the audience.

BRIAN. That's a lie.

Pause.

BRIAN comes in front of the audience.

BRIAN. I can't believe what I've just heard. You are fraud.

JOHN KIMBLE. Brian. Do what I own the pleasure of your presence?

BRIAN. I am just here to congratulate on your election Mayor Kimble.

JOHN KIMBLE. You go all the way to thank me. But I am certainly grateful.

BRIAN. Do you mind if I interject.

JOHN KIMBLE drinking glass of water.

JOHN KIMBLE. Of course, kid. We go away back after all.

BRIAN steps forward to get on the ramp.

BRIAN. First of all thank you for giving me chance to speak.

JOHN KIMBLE. For you Brian, always. How's your Mother?

BRIAN. She is just as terminally ill as the last time you asked.

JOHN KIMBLE. That's really so sad. I've known her since we were kids. We were playing together on the street. I have such a warm memories of Grandpa chasing us down that street when we used to get in trouble.

Brian drastically changes the tone.

BRIAN. Let's no wasting publics time on my private life.

JOHN KIMBLE. Of course.

BRIAN. Looking the audience.

BRIAN. Hello everyone. You know who I am. No need for introductions. You know me since I was a kid. I've grown up in this town. Not only me. But my parents, my grandparents and great grandparent we are all born here. We've been raised in this town and we own a lot to it. The problems of this city are equal part mine as they are yours or Kimble's if that matters. They're all of ours. A continuous stream of mayors come to this town with delusions of grandeur and zero skill. Leaving the town with a ruined economy rising us for everything we worth. They pockets fat with our harder money. Today I am here with these empty promises, again. But *this* is the last straw.

The Cinderella story of your campaign Mayor Kimble dub the progress is one of a low-class man who bravely climbed the ladder of success. You're born and bred in the city and in turn, you're very knowledgeable of its shortcomings. But I don't think you can feel the soul of the city like I do. That makes me the most prepared and capable person even opinion due to the fact I don't only know the problems that are plaguing the city. But lived through them myself.

Silence.

Brian is watching the Mayor.

BRIAN. I did some research about your campaign and think I will be able to criticize your promises through my viewpoints. Yesterday you appeared in a media conference and effectively promoted a Constructed company. What made you think that was a good idea?

JOHN KIMBLE. Newtown Constructed Limited is a great way to improve the city.

BRIAN. And?

JOHN KIMBLE. We should put our resources and investments. I think we should be looking to develop the city more and more. Not only in the economics but also in people who live here. Like the poor Natives Americans who need a new homes.

BRIAN. Isn't the land you intent to build these houses is an extremely flood-prone.

JOHN KIMBLE. The Constructed Company did some work and changed the Landscape and insure us it is now a perfectly safe building sucked.

BRIAN. So you will be able to guarantee that the people who will be living in these houses will be safe from the risk of flooding?

JOHN KIMBLE. Precisely.

BRIAN. But what would be happening if there is a flooding Mayor Kimble?

JOHN KIMBLE. It won't happen. We done our homework and we are all confident the flooding will no longer be an issue.

BRIAN. Do you have any personal links with the company?

JOHN KIMBLE. No, I don't.

BRIAN. Is that right?

JOHN KIMBLE. Well, I do know the managing director. He is very nice man and very open to exciting a new projects. We had several meetings together.

BRIAN. For how long do you know him?

JOHN KIMBLE. Several years.

BRIAN. So you admit it that your "friendship" is a long lasting one?

JOHN KIMBLE. What do you mean by that?

BRIAN. I've done some researches on my own. They have built not only houses but also large Casinos.

JOHN KIMBLE. I still don't understand what do you mean?

BRIAN. Do you stand the benefit personally from this project at all?

JOHN KIMBLE starts sweating.

JOHN KIMBLE. I stand to the benefit in a number of ways. As a Mayor of the city I think this project will be an efficient way to boost our economy. The Native Americans as a quality of life I aim to improve will benefit from this construction. With this project we will rebuild the populations of our city. We will raise the standard of all citizens.

BRIAN. I asked you whether or not you would benefit personally, not in your role as Mayor.

JOHN KIMBLE. Yes, I am personally invested for a better of our city.

BRIAN. Let me ask you bloodily Mr Kimble - do you own land at any of the constructions site?

JOHN KIMBLE. I own a certain amount of land in the area, yes. But the whole focus of this project is to try to push the city forward and change improve the lifestyle of the locals.

BRIAN. How many your own hectares do you own?

JOHN KIMBLE. Five hectares.

BRIAN. And how much money will you receive from this deal?

Silence.

BRIAN. You must have an idea?

JOHN KIMBLE. Well, we haven't finished with the negotiations...

BRIAN. But Mr Kimble this gives you *direct* conflict of interest, doesn't it?

JOHN KIMBLE. As I said this is a very good step forward for our town.

BRIAN. But Mr Mayor you're using your public position to receive financial benefits directly and personally.

Silence.

BRIAN. Do you think that's appropriate?

JOHN KIMBLE. This will indeed improve the city. Explanations...

BRIAN. Don't dodge the question. Why you don't step aside from this deal and change your decision due to obvious conflict of interest?

JOHN KIMBLE. In my position as a Mayor I believe I'm in a decent situation to ascertain what will provide the most motivated of the city. As well as the residents. And I think this is a great turn of events.

Brian listens silently.

JOHN KIMBLE. That is to say the construction is clearly something we as a whole need it. It's clearly something will have a positive effect on the way that we consider ourselves as a society. It's a *win-win*.

BRIAN. Let me be frank, Mr Kimble, I think this is not only a very improper way to advance this development but also a very poorly-disguised excuse to benefit you personally.

JOHN KIMBLE. I am creating jobs and providing housing! I'm trying to save this city!

Pause.

JOHN KIMBLE. What I mean to say is our city is going to benefit a lot, not only in the increase in housing but in the Employment, and infrastructure that I will provide.

BRIAN. Alongside a Casino, no doubt.

JOHN KIMBLE. Alongside countless jobs.

John Kimble takes the action into his own hands.

Tell me, Brian, my boy. Are you still struggling with your alcohol addiction?

BRIAN. Completely silence.

Are you absolutely certain that you are sober today? I could have sworn I smell the alcohol on your breath when you walk by me. Wouldn't that be ashamed for display? We all know about your problems with the law.

BRIAN feels ashamed and uncomfortable

BRIAN. I'm fine.

JOHN KIMBLE. No reason to escape to the tidy bar.

BRIAN. Okay Mr Mayor, thank you for your time.

BRIAN leaves the ramp to avoid more questions.

JOHN KIMBLE. You're welcome.

BRIAN. Shortly before leaving the stage.

JOHN KIMBLE. For what are you fighting this time, Brian?

BRIAN turns back slowly.

BRIAN. For EVERGREEN.

END